

**CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) In a rectangular towel having a least a top edge a bottom edge and first and second side edges, the improvement comprising: a slit cut into said towel, said slit extending partially into said towel from one of said side edges of said towel and being disposed substantially parallel to ~~said~~ the top and bottom edges.
2. (original) The towel of claim 1 further comprising reinforcement means located on the towel substantially adjacent the edges of said slit.
3. (original) The towel of claim 1, wherein said towel includes at least a first and a second corner, and wherein attachment means are coupled to said first and second corners.
4. (currently amended) The towel of claim 3 wherein said first corner is defined by said the top edge and ~~said~~ the first edge and wherein said second corner is defined by ~~said~~ the bottom edge and ~~said-second~~ the first edge.
5. (original) The towel of claim 3 wherein said attachment means comprise hook and loop material.
6. (original) The towel of claim 3, wherein the towel is made of cotton material.

7. (original) The towel of claim 3, wherein the towel is made of a synthetic fiber.
8. (original) The towel of claim 3, wherein the towel is made of a cellulosic fiber such as paper.
9. (currently amended) In a towel having at least a top edge, a bottom edge and first and second side edges, the improvement comprising: a slit cut into said towel, said slit extending partially into said towel from one of ~~said the~~ side edges of ~~said the~~ towel and being disposed substantially parallel to ~~said the~~ top and bottom edges; the towel further comprising reinforcement means located on the towel including piping means stitched along the slit edges; and attachment means coupled to a first and a second corner of the towel, said first corner being defined by the top edge and the side edge containing said slit and said second corner being defined by the bottom edge and the side edge containing said slit.
10. (currently amended) The towel of claim 9 wherein ~~said the~~ towel is subdivided into an upper portion containing said slit and a lower portion, wherein a layer of plastic is attached to said lower portion of ~~said the~~ towel.
11. (original) The towel of claim 9 wherein said attachment means comprises hook and loop material.

12. (original) The towel of claim 9, where the towel is manufactured from cotton.
  13. (original) The towel of claim 1, where the towel is manufactured from synthetic fiber.
  14. (original) The towel of claim 9, where the towel is manufactured from cellulosic fiber  
such as paper.
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